PM's Meeting with Musharraf in US

3333. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble Prime Minister is going to meet Pakistan, C.E.O. General Musharraf during his US visit in the next month;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal, under consideration of Government for Prime Minister to meet General Pervez Musharraf during his visit to the United States in September, 2000.

Pakistan must abandon its State sponsorship of cross-border terrorism and hostile propaganda against India, so that an environment appropriate for dialogue is created. These steps are essential ingredients for any meaningful dialogue with Pakistan.

Raid in Regional Passport Office, Ahmedabad

3334. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Passport Office, Ahmedabad were raided recently;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of officials arrested and questionable documents signed by the Regional Passport Officer found?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Regional Passport Office, Ahmedabad was raided by CBI on 30.06.2000.

(b) The CBI raided Regional Passport Office, Ahmedabad on the basis of information that some passports had been issued on the basis of forged documents.

(c) One Superintendent and four Group "C" Staff members have been arrested. The CBI has seized 770 files.